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Applicant: NODA
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING GAP,
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING SHAPE
AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING LIQUID
CRYSTAL DEVICE

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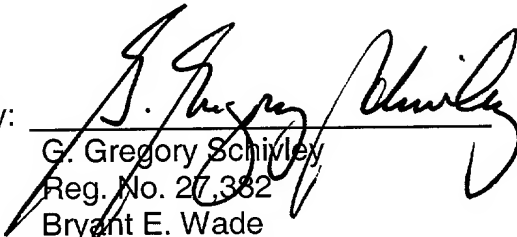
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed January 2, 2002, the following documents are enclosed:

- 1) Check for \$1842.00
- 2) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts
- 3) Substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a). No new matter has been added.
- 4) Substitute Drawings (Figs. 1-21G) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84.
- 5) Signed Oath / Declaration

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$972.

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| ■ \$468 for 26 total claims over 20. | 01 FC:101 | 740.00 OP |
| | 02 FC:105 | 130.00 OP |
| ■ \$504 for 6 independent claims over 3 . | 03 FC:103 | 468.00 OP |
| | 04 FC:102 | 504.00 OP |
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1842.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
 - The specification cannot be scanned or properly stored. Page(s)
 - Papers must be legibly written either by a typewriter or mechanical printer in permanent ink or its equivalent in portrait orientation on flexible, strong, smooth, non-shiny, durable, and white paper. Application papers must be presented in a form

having sufficient clarity and contrast between the paper and the writing thereon to permit the direct reproduction of readily legible copies in any number by use of photographic, electrostatic, photo-offset, and microfilming processes and electronic reproduction by use of digital imaging and optical character recognition. Pages 11-57 are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a). *The drawings filed are unacceptable because:*

Replacement page(s), together with a statement that the replacement page(s) contain no new matter, are required.

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

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